

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the pending claims as indicated below:

1 1. (Currently amended) A method for altering an operational aspect of a
2 mobile electronic device, the method comprising:

3 providing a sensor associated with the mobile electronic device;
4 determining whether the sensor is coupled to a mating element associated with
5 the sensor;

6 developing a signal in the sensor, the signal determined by whether the sensor is
7 coupled to and recognizes the mating element;

8 receiving the signal in a processor; and
9 altering a characteristic of the mobile electronic device based on the received
10 sensor signal and based on the location of the mobile electronic device with respect to
11 the mating element.

1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the altering step alters a user
2 interface characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the altering step alters a
2 radio frequency (RF) characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising using a default
2 user interface characteristic and a default radio frequency characteristic if the
3 determining step concludes that the sensor is not coupled to the mating element.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising altering a user
2 interface characteristic based upon a sensor signal determined by the mating element if
3 the determining step concludes that the sensor is coupled to a mating element.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising altering a radio

2 frequency (RF) characteristic based upon a sensor signal determined by the mating
3 element if the determining step concludes that the sensor is coupled to a mating
4 element.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user interface
2 characteristic is predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the user interface
2 characteristic is dynamically adjustable by a user of the mobile electronic device.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the RF characteristic is
2 predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the mating element is chosen
2 from the group consisting of, no coupling, a belt clip, a belt pouch, a charger, a car clip,
3 and a clothing carrier.

1 11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein the altering step
2 alters an operational aspect of the mobile electronic device based upon whether the
3 mobile electronic device is uncoupled from the mating element ~~or and located in any of~~
4 the belt clip, the belt pouch, the charger, the car clip, ~~or and~~ the clothing carrier.

1 12. (Currently amended) A system for altering an operational aspect of a
2 mobile electronic device, comprising:

3 a sensor associated with the mobile electronic device;

4 a mating element associated with the sensor, the sensor configured to develop a
5 signal based on whether the sensor recognizes the mating element; and

6 logic configured to receive the signal from the sensor and alter a characteristic of
7 the mobile electronic device based on the received sensor signal and based on the location
8 of the mobile electronic device with respect to the mating element.

1 13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the sensor is decoupled
2 from the mating element and the sensor signal causes the logic to use a default user
3 interface characteristic and a default radio frequency (RF) characteristic.

1 14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the sensor is coupled to the
2 mating element and the mating element determines the sensor signal.

1 15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the sensor signal causes the
2 logic to alter a user interface characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1 16. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the sensor signal causes the
2 logic to alter a radio frequency (RF) characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1 17. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user interface
2 characteristic is predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1 18. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user interface
2 characteristic is dynamically adjustable by a user of the mobile electronic device.

1 19. (Original) The system of claim 16, wherein the RF characteristic is
2 predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1 20. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the mating element is
2 chosen from the group consisting of, no coupling, a belt clip, a belt pouch, a charger, a
3 car clip, and a clothing carrier.

1 21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 20, wherein an operational
2 aspect of the mobile electronic device is altered based upon whether the mobile
3 electronic device is uncoupled from the mating element ~~or and~~ located in any of the belt
4 clip, the belt pouch, the charger, the car clip, ~~or and~~ the clothing carrier.

1 22. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having a program
2 for altering an operational aspect of a mobile electronic device, the program comprising
3 logic configured to perform the steps of:

4 determining whether a sensor associated with the mobile electronic device is
5 coupled to a mating element associated with the sensor;

6 developing a signal in the sensor, the signal determined by whether the sensor is
7 coupled to and recognizes the mating element;

8 receiving the signal in a processor; and

9 altering a characteristic of the mobile electronic device based on the received
10 sensor signal and based on the location of the mobile electronic device with respect to
11 the mating element.

1 23. (Original) The program of claim 22, wherein the altering step alters a
2 user interface characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1 24. (Original) The program of claim 22, wherein the altering step alters a
2 radio frequency (RF) characteristic of the mobile electronic device.

1 25. (Original) The program of claim 22, further comprising logic configured
2 to perform the step of using a default user interface characteristic and a default radio
3 frequency characteristic if the determining step concludes that the sensor is not coupled
4 to the mating element.

1 26. (Original) The program of claim 22, further comprising logic configured
2 to perform the step of altering a user interface characteristic based upon a sensor signal
3 determined by the mating element if the determining step concludes that the sensor is
4 coupled to a mating element.

1 27. (Original) The program of claim 22, further comprising logic configured
2 to perform the step of altering a radio frequency (RF) characteristic based upon a sensor

3 signal determined by the mating element if the determining step concludes that the
4 sensor is coupled to a mating element.

1 28. (Original) The program of claim 26, wherein the user interface
2 characteristic is predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor

1 29. (Original) The program of claim 26, wherein the user interface
2 characteristic is dynamically adjustable by a user of the mobile electronic device.

1 30. (Original) The program of claim 27, wherein the RF characteristic is
2 predetermined and stored in a memory associated with the processor.

1 31. (Original) The program of claim 22, wherein the mating element is
2 chosen from the group consisting of, no coupling, a belt clip, a belt pouch, a charger, a
3 car clip, and a clothing carrier.

1 32. (Currently amended) The program of claim 31, wherein the altering step
2 alters an operational aspect of the mobile electronic device based upon whether the
3 mobile electronic device is uncoupled from the mating element ~~or and~~ located in any of
4 the belt clip, the belt pouch, the charger, the car clip, ~~or and~~ the clothing carrier.